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Examiner: M. Ramakrishnaiah

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Lester F. LUDWIG et al.

Application No.: 08/833,511

Confirmation No.: 2620

Filed: April 7, 1997

For: VIDEOCONFERENCING HARDWARE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2000, within the shortened statutory period for response (February 3 having been a Saturday), Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9, 11-15 and 25-32 are all the claims pending in this application and stand rejected finally under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shibata et al. (USP 5,365,265) in view of Larson (USP 5,821,987) and Hirano et al. (USP 5,396,554). Shibata is directed to a multi-point teleconferencing system having audio and visual capture devices of a participant in a conference. Larson is directed to a video phone having a unitary housing. Hirano is